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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Baker Family Learning Center Groundbreaking

**SAN BERNARDINO** – With today's official groundbreaking, construction for Baker Family Learning Center in the Muscoy community is now underway!

Local, county, and state dignitaries dawned hardhats and shovels to symbolically turn dirt on this new project that will result in a new branch library and preschool center for the residents.

The Baker Family Learning Center was initiated when the Neal T. Baker family donated land in the Muscoy area for the purpose of developing services for the community.

"We are on our way to fulfilling Mr. Baker's dream," said San Bernardino County Board Chair Josie Gonzales, who was instrumental in moving this project forward.

"His generous donation, coupled with the creative ingenuity of our County departments, made this beautiful project possible," added Gonzales. "This center is the first capital improvement investment of its kind in Muscoy."

The Baker Family Learning Center will be an 11,000 square foot joint use facility, located at 2818 Macy Street, San Bernardino. The building will facilitate a Head Start preschool operated by the San Bernardino County Preschool Services Department, a branch library operated by the San Bernardino County Library system, and a community meeting room.

This joint use facility is an exciting enhancement to service that will offer preschool access to local residents as wells as books, library programs, computers, and a community meeting room. This unique blend of services will allow both children and parents to learn together as they access resources, programs, classes, and computers.

The project is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2013.

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